

## *The Role of Schools in Shaping Pākehā Teachers Views of Culture and Cultural identity*

### **INFORMATION SHEET FOR PARTICIPANTS [Teachers]**

You are invited to take part in this research. Please read this information before deciding whether or not to take part. If you decide to participate, thank you. If you decide not to participate, thank you for considering this request.

#### **Who am I?**

My name is Avery Smith and I am a Doctoral student in Te Whānau o Ako Pai ki Te Upoko o te Ika a Māui, Faculty of Education at Victoria University of Wellington. This research project is work towards my doctoral dissertation.

#### **What is the aim of the project?**

This project aims to investigate how schools may serve as sites of socialisation that shape Pākehā teachers' understanding about their own identities and that of their students. Another aim of my research is to describe how Pākehā teachers enact their understandings of culture at the classroom and school level. Your participation will support this research by helping me understand your perspectives on culture and cultural identity as well as allowing me to observe the daily, lived experiences of Pākehā primary teachers. This research has been approved by the Victoria University of Wellington Human Ethics Committee [27440].

#### **How can you help?**

You have been invited to participate because you identify as Pākehā and teach year 5 or 6. If you agree to take part I will arrange for an initial meeting to organise a timeline, set up interviews, and plan the days I can come to observe your class. We will also organise the distribution of information sheets and consent forms for students and their families.

I will collect data during term\_\_2019 as follows:

- I will come to observe you and your class at least once a week over the course of a term. During these observations I am looking to describe the complex social interactions that occur in the classroom during a normal day. As part of the observation, I will watch and listen to students as they go about their daily activities. You will see me jotting written notes in my notebook, which should be non-intrusive to the functioning of your class.

- I would like to interview you twice, with each interview taking one hour. During the interviews I will ask you questions about your background and experiences as a Pākehā teacher. I will audio record the interview with your permission and write it up later. Once the interview has been written out you will be sent a copy of your interview for comment. You can choose to not answer any question or stop the interview at any time, without giving a reason.
- I will also conduct two focus group interviews with the participating students. Each will last approximately 30 minutes and will be conducted in the school at a time and location suitable for participants. The interviews will be conducted at the beginning and end of term.

You can withdraw from the study by contacting me at any time before the end of term \_\_\_\_ 2019. If you withdraw, the information you provided will be destroyed or returned to you.

### **What will happen to the information you give?**

The transcripts of your interviews will be emailed to you to enable you to check that what was recorded was what you had intended.

This research is confidential<sup>1\*</sup>. This means that the researcher named below will be aware of your identity but the research data will be combined and your identity will not be revealed in any reports, presentations, or public documentation.

Only my supervisors and I will read the notes or transcript of the interview. The interview transcripts, summaries and any recordings will be kept securely and destroyed in December 2024.

### **What will the project produce?**

The information from my research will be used in my PhD dissertation and academic publications and conferences.

### **If you accept this invitation, what are your rights as a research participant?**

You do not have to accept this invitation if you don't want to. If you do decide to participate, you have the right to:

- choose not to answer any question;
- ask for the recorder to be turned off at any time during the interview;
- withdraw from the study before the end of term \_\_\_\_;
- ask any questions about the study at any time;
- receive a copy of your interview transcript;

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<sup>1</sup> **Confidentiality** will be preserved except where you disclose something that causes me to be concerned about a risk of harm to yourself and/or others.

- read over and comment on a written summary of your interview;
- be able to read any reports of this research by emailing the researcher to request a copy.

**If you have any questions or problems, who can you contact?**

If you have any questions, either now or in the future, please feel free to contact:

**Student:**

Name: Avery Smith

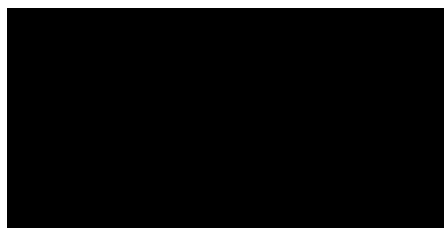
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Role: Associate Professor,



**Supervisor:**

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**Human Ethics Committee information**

If you have any concerns about the ethical conduct of the research you may contact the Victoria University HEC Convenor: Dr Judith Loveridge. Email [hec@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:hec@vuw.ac.nz) or telephone +64-4-463 6028.

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This consent form will be held for *five* years.

Researcher: *Avery Smith, School of Education, Victoria University of Wellington.*

- I have read the Information Sheet and the project has been explained to me. My questions have been answered to my satisfaction. I understand that I can ask further questions at any time.
- I agree to take part in the study.

I understand that:

- I can withdraw from this study at any point before the end of term\_\_\_ 2019, and any information that I have provided will be returned to me or destroyed.
- The identifiable information I have provided will be destroyed in December 2024.
- Any information I provide will be kept confidential to the researcher and the supervisors.
- The results will be used for a PhD dissertation and/or academic publications and/or presented at conferences.
- My name will not be used in reports, nor will any information that would identify me.
- I would like a copy of my interview transcript. Yes ☐ No ☐
- I would like to receive a copy of the dissertation and have added my email address below. Yes ☐ No ☐

Signature of participant: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of participant: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact details: \_\_\_\_\_